

GET TO KNOW YOUR SECONDARY CURRICULUM



LORIE YATES



FUN FACT

After I graduated from Delta State, I moved to Guam and Saipan. I lived in Guam for two months then moved to Saipan where I taught high school. I loved every moment of living the island life! One of the best experiences of my life! Another fun fact...in graduate school, I studied salamander behavior and I coauthored a published paper that explored the possibility that large fishing spiders might be predators of some salamanders.

WHAT SHE LOVES ABOUT RCSD

I love working so closely with all the secondary science teachers in the district. We have some of the best science teachers in the state. I am so honored to be able to see them do the great work they do, support them with resources and professional development, and to celebrate the amazing role they play in shaping the future.

MEET LORIE YATES ...

My hometown is Magee, MS. I graduated with my Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Delta State University and my Master's in Biology from The University of Southern Mississippi. In my 24 years as an educator, I have taught high school in Saipan, worked as a museum educator for the MS Museum of Natural Science, taught middle, high and college sciences and supported teachers as a lead teacher and curriculum specialist. I'm married to Cliff Newell, a retired high school principal. We are mom and dad to our 21 year old daughter, Grace (an elementary education major at Mississippi State University), our 19 year old son, Ian (Men's Soccer and math major at Holmes Community College), and our two puppies, Rylee and Carlee (who are currently living their best life on our farm).

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KARIN BOWEN



MEET KARIN BOWEN ...

Karin grew up in Rankin County and graduated from Florence High School. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from The University of Mississippi and her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University. She taught in Rankin County for 21 years and now is in her second year serving the students and teachers of Rankin County as a math curriculum specialist. She has been married to her husband, Paul for 22 years and their children, Patrick and Julia, both attend school in the Brandon zone.

FUN FACT

My favorite sport to watch is football. I can be found nearly any weekend yelling at the television rooting for my team or against the refs.

WHAT INSPIRES HER

I did not grow up loving math. It was something I had to do but once I became a teacher, I loved math. Not every student will grow to love math, but I enjoy working with students and helping them find their own respect for math.

WHO INSPIRES HER

Different people inspire different things in me. I would have to say one of the greatest impacts anyone had on me was Kim Minshew. We taught 6th grade together and she inspired me to be better and to always give my 100% effort to my students. She continues to inspire me through her hard work, dedication, and love for her students.

WHAT SHE LOVES ABOUT RCSD

The thing I love most about working in Rankin County is the sense of community. No matter which campus I walk in, I feel the sense of family and always enjoy interacting with administration, faculty, staff, and students.